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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

The United States of America, et al.)

-Against-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

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I, OKAWA, Kane, wife of the accused OKAWA, Shumei, do swear on my conscience that the following is true; I have known OKAWA and his family since he was 28 years of age, we were married when he was 40 years of age, and he is now 61 years of age. I saw my husband on 29 Sept. 1946. At which time he seemed to recognize me, but acted very unusual, laughing loudly, boisterously chattering about singing and dancing and was very talkative, but would not stick to any one subject and would not discuss matters or carry on or complete any conversation in reference to property, money or household matters.

My husband's property and money, of which there is only a small amount, has been frozen by the Finance Ministry of the Government, and I cannot sell or move any property until his trial is finished. Special permission has been given to use a small amount of money but it is not sufficient as I must pay his hospital fees and for his food as well as for my own living.

My husband was a teacher and writer and taught history of colonization as a professor at the University. He is normally very proud and correct in his attire, behavior and manners. He would not accept offers of money from other persons but lived on his

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returns from writing and teaching. He refused offers of ministerial appointment in 1932 and again in 1933 but recommended some one else be selected, as he said he is not a person at all, and though he saw a need for bettering the conditions in Japan, yet if he got position and power it would cause him to be corrupted, as he thought of himself as not having any selfish interests and he did not want to be contaminated by money or position so he could be free to say anything and speak freely without fear or misunderstanding.

He wrote Japanese History of 2600 and was criticized by newspapers as being anti-nationalistic for lack of respect to the Imperial Household and was called before the court but was acquitted by the prosecutor, who asked my husband "what do you want to do?", OKAWA replied "he had no time to do anything", and would not take this matter seriously.

He expressed the view that 70 % were against his teaching and that only 30 % were friendly on occasions when he had been drinking but never explained what he meant.

In 1932 he was charged with aiding and abetting the rebellion in May 15th Incident. He was imprisoned 15 June, 1932 and held until 12 Nov. 1934 when he was released on bail until his case was heard and he was sentenced 16 June 1936 to 5 years imprisonment and placed in Ichigaya Jail for execution of the sentence. He was discharged 14 Oct. 1937 on good behavior, also being given credit for time served in jail prior to sentence.

For 15 or 16 years we have noticed his peculiar reactions to

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a very small amount of alcohol and as this came more and more pronounced we tried to persuade him to avoid drinking as there was such a change in his attitude and actions that we were scared and I would run away to keep from being hurt when he had these dangerous spells. At the time I thought it was his age and drink that made him act like a crazy person but now recognize that his mind was affected, and looking back recall many incidents of abnormal behavior similar to those of his present state.

He would complain of his head not feeling clear and got out of bed very frequently after retiring for the past 10 years. When I visited him at the hospital recently he attacked me several times, tried to choke me and grabbed me by my hair and tried to pull me down blaming me for actions of doctors in tying him in bed.

I remember especially in 1943 when we moved from Tokyo as I was very unhappy because of the change in my husband's behavior. He became more and more unreasonable and moody and changed quickly from good humor to ill humor and was very forgetful and careless in his manner and dress which was very unusual as he was normally so patient, neat and correct in manners and dress and had an accurate memory.

(signed) OKAWA, Kane

Sworn and subscribed to before  
the undersigned officer by the  
above named OKAWA, Kane, at the  
War Ministry Building, Tokyo,  
Japan, this 17 Dec. 1946.

(signed) Bernard A. HARGADON  
1st Lt. Inf.  
Administrative Officer